

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENTI 00337 180255Z
ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 AID-05 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03 TRSE-00 XMB-02
OPIC-03 CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 SAJ-01 /096 W
-----180518 087440 /20

R 180230Z FEB 77
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7747
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY PARIS
USLO PEKING
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
CINCPAC FOR POLAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0337

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRN EAID CH LA
SUBJECT: PRC TO START CONSTRUCTION ON ROAD TO LUANG PRABANG

REF A 76 VIENTIANE 0304, B VIENTIANE 308

1. THE LAO VERNACULAR NEWSPAPER "VIENTIANE MAI" FEBRUARY 16 REPORTED THAT PRC AID EXPERTS HAD FINISHED SURVEYING FOR A 110 KILOMETER ROAD FROM NAM BAK TO LUANG PRABANG AND THAT ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN IN EARLY MARCH AT THE LATEST AND BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS.

2. THE NEWSPAPER CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH VET KHAYKHAM-PHITHOUNE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LUANG PRABANG WITH PRC CHARGE SU SHENG. VET SAID THAT THE ROAD WOULD BE 12 METERS WIDE WITH A 300 METER CEMENT BRIDGE OVER THE NAM KHANE RIVER AT ITS MOUTH (BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENTI 00337 180255Z

TOWN OF LUANG PRABANG). HE ADDED THAT 300 PERMANENT LAO WORKERS AND OVER 1,000 OTHER "MOVABLE" ONES WOULD TAKE PART IN THE CONSTRUCTION.

3. VET NOTED THAT LEE MANG VEUN (PHONETIC TRANSLATION) WAS HEAD OF THE PRC SURVEY TEAM.

4. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THE PRC HAD ALREADY BUILT A LAO-CHINESE "FRIENDSHIP ROAD" FROM PHONGSALY PROVINCE ON THE PRC BORDER TO NAM BAK IN UDOMSAY PROVINCE.

5. COMMENT: THE PRC SEVERAL YEARS AGO OFFERED TO BUILD THE ROAD FROM LUANG PRABANG TO NAM BAK AS A MAJOR PART OF ITS AID PROGRAM TO THE PREVIOUS COALITION GOVERNMENT.
CORCORAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSTRUCTION, HIGHWAYS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977VIENTI00337
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770057-1121
Format: TEL
From: VIENTIANE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770225/aaaaawgw.tel
Line Count: 72
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9c62f2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3276067
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRC TO START CONSTRUCTION ON ROAD TO LUANG PRABANG
TAGS: ETRN, EAID, ELTN, CH, LA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9c62f2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009